

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

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HOLDINGS OF THE  
TEXAS STATE ARCHIVES

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

June 21, 1969

I disapprove and veto House Bill 836, relating to the licensing and regulation of bail bondsmen.

While it is true that regulation of bail bonds and bondsmen is a matter of public interest, certain provisions of House Bill 836 are of doubtful constitutionality.

The only purpose of bail bond is to insure the appearance of the accused at trial.

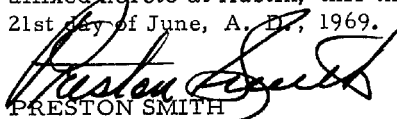
It is not intended as a penalty, and should not be so used. Yet Section 12(C) of House Bill 836 requires the bondsman to reimburse the county for the cost of appointing an attorney to defend the accused, and Section 13 of the Bill requires him to pay the cost of arresting and transporting an accused who has jumped bail.

Although I am unable to permit House Bill 836 to become law, it is my hope that proper regulation of bail bondsmen can be effected after further study.

House Bill 836 was received on May 30, 1969, less than ten days prior to the adjournment of the Regular Session of the 61st Legislature. In accordance with Article IV, Section 14 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, I am filing this proclamation, along with House Bill 836, in the Office of the Secretary of State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have

hereunto signed my name officially and caused the Seal of State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this the 21st day of June, A. D., 1969.

  
PRESTON SMITH

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
9:50 A.M. O'CLOCK

By the Governor

  
Secretary of State

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